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Multiple designs, systems, methods and processes for con-  
trol using electrical signals recorded from clinically para-  
lyzed muscles and nerves are presented. The discomplete  
neural prosthesis system and method for clinically paralyzed  
humans utilizes a controller. The controller is adapted to  
receive a volitional electrical signal generated by the human  
that is manifest below the lesion that causes the clinical  
paralysis. The controller uses at least the volitional electrical  
signal to generate a control signal that is output back to a  
plant to change the state of the plant, which in one aspect is  
one or more of the user's paralyzed muscles to achieve a  
functional result or to devices in the environment around the  
user that are adapted to receive commands from the con-  
troller.

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